

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 3, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: KENNY HALE, BOB O'NEAL, BRYAN COLLIER, PAUL PRATHER, JEFF QUYLE, VICKIE KIVETT AND RYAN GOODWIN. ALSO PRESENT WERE BRENDA ADAMS, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR, DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, AND PETE FOLEY, MORGAN COUNTY ATTORNEY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Kenny Hale*)

Reorganization

Jeff Quyle made a motion to nominate Kenny Hale as Chairman and Bob O'Neal as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Vickie Kivett. Bryan Collier made a motion to close nominations. Motion carried 7-0.

Welcome

Kenny Hale welcomed Ryan Goodwin to the Council.

Additional:

- *Court Services*

Carole Kinder, Director of Court Services, submitted a letter requesting an additional appropriation of \$66,664 from the Administrative Fee Fund (329) into Account #329-000-4000 (Administrative Fee Expense). Kenny Hale stated that this additional is a formality that they do every year. This amount is for the amount that the state pays for the salaries of the probation officers. Bob O'Neal made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 7-0.

Appointments

Bryan Collier made a motion to appoint the following positions:

Planning Commission: Bob O'Neal
Morgan County Library: Connie Feagans
Local Alcoholic Beverage Board: Eugene Marsh
Mooreville Public Library: Steve Saucerman
Solid Waste District: Bob O'Neal
Regional Sewer District: Don Adams
Tax Board of Appeals: Reva Brummett
Data Board: Kenny Hale
Group Insurance Trust: Bryan Collier
Park & Recreation Board: Joe Tutterrow

Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Bob O'Neal made a motion to appoint Jeff Quyle to the Economic Development Corporation Board. Seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Jail Repairs

Chief Deputy Robert Garner stated that they need to replace the water heaters, add a third water softener unit, and replace all shower heads and toilet valves (34 shower heads and actuator valves, and 171 toilet valves). The cost for these repairs is approximately \$140,000. The maintenance department will install the valve. Jeff Quyle asked about rebates for changing to high efficiency water heaters. Mr. Garner stated that he would check on this. Mr. Garner stated that the timed valves are three times as expensive as the replacement valves and they must also be wired into the system.

Brenda Adams suggested appropriating \$1 million for the expenses at the jail, including the startup costs for the work release center and expansion.

Vickie Kivett stated that she'd heard that there were 16 new hires at the jail and asked if they are to staff the work release center. Mr. Garner stated that they budgeted for 11 new employees and

this includes filling positions that have been recently vacated. They will train them all at the same time at the law enforcement academy. Then they will go into the FTO program where they will be teamed with other officers for more training. They are starting with 26 hires and some of these will be part time employees.

Bob O’Neal stated that replacing the valves could help lower the water bill.

Discussion followed on which fund the additional appropriation should come from. The Council agreed that it should come from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (208).

Group Insurance Trust

Bryan Collier stated that claims have been high for the last 18 months. The trust was able to keep its grandfathered status, but there will be several changes in June. Mr. Collier stated that he did not know how they would be able to afford to keep the trust in 2014 without caps and limits. Children under 26 will be covered at no additional premium after the renewal in June. Mr. Collier stated that he didn’t see a way to slow down the expense except for high deductibles and more expense to the employee.

Data Center Incentive Resolution

Jeff Quyle stated that data centers are big buildings with lots of computers that house a lot of information. There has been an increase in the need for data centers in the last several years. Indiana, with its personal income tax, has not attracted as many data centers as other states have. The legislature passed a law two or three years ago to allow cities, towns, and counties to exempt personal property tax for data centers provided they have at least \$10 million in total investment. The process to exempt a data center is the same as other tax abatements; the Council must approve two identical resolutions. Mr. Quyle suggested approving a preliminary resolution so the county would be ready to go should there be a company interested in housing a data center in Morgan County. The second resolution would spell out the specifics. This would give the Morgan County Economic Development Corporation a tool to present to potential businesses. Mr. Quyle asked that this topic be on the agenda for next month. Pete Foley stated that there would be a preliminary resolution, a public hearing, and a final resolution before any exemption is granted.

Adjournment

Paul Prather made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 7-0.

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Kenny Hale

Robert O’Neal

Bryan Collier

Paul Prather

Jeff Quyle

Vickie Kivett

Ryan Goodwin

ATTEST:

Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor